

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-10, and 12-21 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record, U.S. Patent 6,550,578 (Lee hereafter) teaches a transfer tool with multiple case bodies and a base, but does not teach or reasonably suggest that the entire base can pivot relative to either of the case bodies. While U.S. Patent Application 2004/0129386 (Langerak hereafter) does teach that the base may pivot relative to the case halves of the apparatus, Langerak only teaches that a select portion of the base may pivot relative to these cases. Transfer tools and corrective tape dispensers with retractable heads are well known in the art; however, as discussed with Lee and Langerak, only a portion of the bases of these dispensers may pivot relative to case halves - and not the entire base.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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7658. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8:00am-6:30pm EST.

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